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| 1. 🗵 The amendment filed on 18 August 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been: | | | | | |
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| | a) 🗌 | entered. | | | |
| | b) 🛛 | entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention. | | | |
| | c) 🗌 | disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee. | | | |
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| | d) 🗌 | disapproved. See explanation below. | | | |
| | e) 🗌 | entered in part. See explanation below. | | | |
| | | mendment does not effect the intent/acts of the claim, but makes a logical correction to the claim structure, as in claim 83 mining" more properly refers to the preceding evaluation step(d), not the calculation step(c) of claim 83. | | | |

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